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## **Personal Pathways to Success Program Shows Adults It's Never Too Late to Get an Education**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Greenville, S.C. September 3, 2008** – What do successful college students, a business owner, a special education teacher and a school board member have in common? They are all proud, successful GED recipients that are being featured on the Personal Pathways to Success' Greenville Regional Education Center's (REC) GED Success Poster.

On Tuesday, September 9, 2008, the Greenville Regional Education Center will unveil its GED Success Poster and kick-off the school year at the Greenville County Main Library at 11 a.m.

Working with its partners the Greenville REC created the poster to show viewers that it is never too late to get an education. Featuring a variety of GED recipients from various backgrounds, the poster hopes to inspire people to get their GED and start the career they have always wanted to have.

"I am honored to be the coordinator of the Greenville REC," said Jay Blankenship, coordinator of the Greenville REC. "The Personal Pathways to Success program offers these regional centers throughout the state to serve as an online resource for K-12 education, businesses and adults."

Personal Pathways to Success is a new initiative by the South Carolina Department of Education to improve education initiatives and the South Carolina economy by better educating South Carolinians. Each REC will help develop a better prepared workforce by serving as a one-stop online resource where businesses and education can connect with nonprofit groups, workforce development boards and other organizations.

The Greenville REC had an advisory board that help the program succeed. Members include – Ray Lattimore, William Bradshaw, Jill Schneider, Martha Wright, Dr. Brian Carruthers, Donald Q. Combs, Gale Crawford, Doug Dorman, Robert E. Ellis, Jr., Dr. Phinnize Fisher, George Fletcher, Lou Lavelly, Marsha Madore, Wayne Rhodes, Lisa Slayton, Nell Stewart and Jane Thomas.

For more information about the Personal Pathways to Success Program and the Greenville REC, please contact Jay Blankenship at 864-355-3050 or [jblankenship@scpathways.org](mailto:jblankenship@scpathways.org).

### **ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA PERSONAL PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS: Empowering all students to shape our future™**

Personal Pathways to Success empowers youth and adults by making education relevant to their aspirations and abilities, promising a better economy and quality of life for everyone in South Carolina.

Personal Pathways to Success is an education initiative designed to do one simple thing—make students better-educated South Carolinians. The initiative's programs will provide all public school students with a more focused curriculum and the flexibility to choose coursework and job training opportunities aligned with their individual aspirations and abilities.

The result will be a better-prepared workforce, which will improve South Carolina's economy and quality of life.